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Total gas sales for the month of January reached a record high of 1,986.7 trillions of Btu. Contributing to this record were the residential and commercial sales which showed increases of 15.2 and 12.8 percent respectively.

GAS SALES TO ULTIMATE CONSUMERS
(Trillions of Btu)

	January			Heating Season (Nov.-Jan.)		January 1 to December 31	
	1981	1980	% Change	1980/81	%Change From Last Period	1980	1981 Forecast[1]
Residential	861.2	747.6	+ 15.2[2]	1,927.6	+ 10.2	4,853.4	4,994.6
Commercial	387.6	343.7	+ 12.8	909.9	+ 8.8	2,431.8	2,464.9
Industrial	695.8	749.7	- 7.2	1,977.6	- 2.7	7,723.4	7,669.5
Other	42.1	37.9	-	117.8	-	309.7	313.9
Total	1,986.7	1,878.9	+ 5.7	4,932.9	+ 4.5	15,318.3	15,442.9
Degree Days[P] (A.G.A)	986	903	+ 9.2	2,354	+ 10.0		

Gas sales are based on a sample of 69 companies whose sales constitute about 65 percent of the total gas sales to ultimate consumers.

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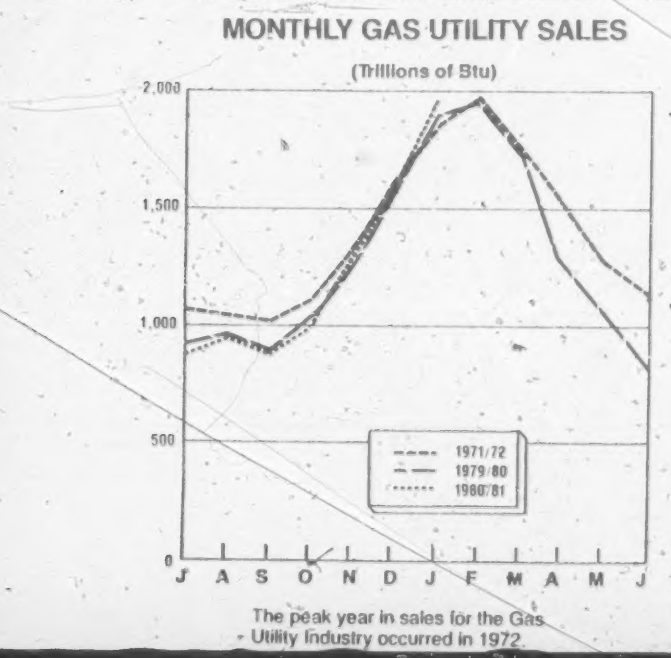
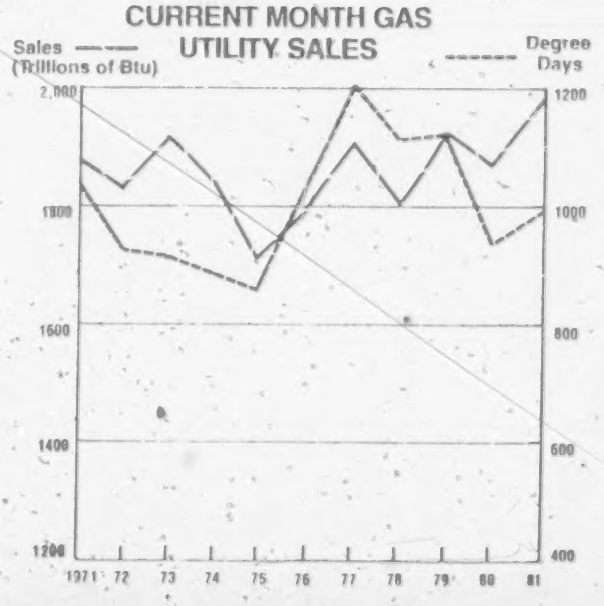


The peak year in sales for the Gas Utility Industry occurred in 1972.



RESIDENTIAL APPLIANCE SHIPMENTS
(Thousands of Units)

January

	1981	1980	% Change '80 vs '81
Domestic Range			
Gas	114.9	122.7	- 6.4
Electric	218.5	260.7	- 16.2
Clothes Dryers			
Gas	68.9	76.1	- 9.5
Electric	228.0	281.1	- 18.9
Warm Air Furnaces			
Gas	129.4	137.8	- 6.1
Electric	23.6	19.1	+ 23.6
Oil	8.4	7.0	+ 20.0
Boilers			
Gas	11.1	24.8	- 55.2
Electric	0.1	0.2	- 43.9
Oil	4.3	4.4	- 2.9

Sources: Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association (GAMA)

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

January

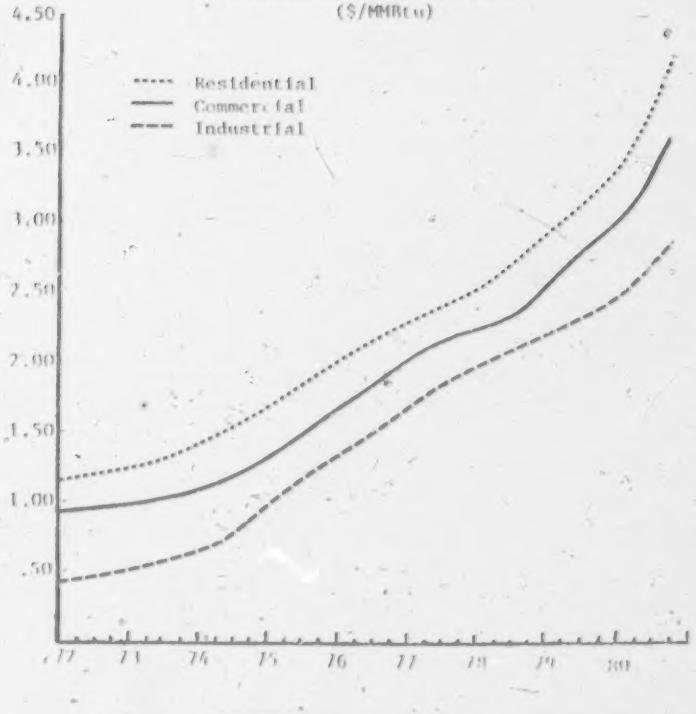
	1981	1980	% Change '80 vs '81
Total Actual Private Housing Starts (Thous. of units)	80.9	72.9	+ 11.0
Consumer Price Index (All urban, unadjusted, 1967 = 100)			
Gas (utility pipe gas)	385.3	335.0	+ 15.0
Electricity	266.9	226.6	+ 17.8
Fuel Oil	656.0	534.2	+ 22.8
Index Total Gas Sales (1967 = 100)	132.2	125.0	+ 5.8

Sources: Department of Commerce, Bureau of Labor Statistics, A.G.A.

AVERAGE ANNUAL AND 1980 QUARTERLY GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)

Year	Total	Res.	Comm.	Ind.	Oth.
1972	0.73	1.19	0.91	0.45	0.41
1973	0.79	1.25	0.95	0.50	0.44
1974	0.95	1.42	1.11	0.66	0.60
1975	1.29	1.69	1.38	0.99	0.94
1976	1.60	1.98	1.68	1.32	1.15
1977	1.97	2.33	2.07	1.70	1.45
1978	2.18	2.53	2.28	1.91	1.50
1979	2.52	2.92	2.66	2.24	1.67
1980					
1st Qtr.	2.97	3.31	3.17	2.61	1.94
2nd Qtr.	3.14	3.77	3.43	2.79	1.90
3rd Qtr.	3.18	4.36	3.57	2.89	2.03

AVERAGE GAS UTILITY PRICES
($/MMBtu)



[1] 1980 forecasts for the residential and commercial sectors are based on available 1980 monthly data. The remaining months are derived by using a four year average.

The industrial sector forecast is also based on available 1980 monthly data. The remaining months of 1980 are heavily weighted by last years sales with no adjustment made for degree days.

[2] The percent change is a function of the 69 sample companies and their degree days.